

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 10/803,982
Attorney Docket No. Q80573

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 2 and 6 have been amended. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 2-7 are now pending in the application. Applicant acknowledges with gratitude the indication that claims 2-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 2 and 6 have each been rewritten in independent form to also include the elements of claim 1. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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